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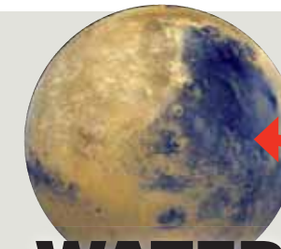

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Jansen urges NDP to craft LGBTQ policy

EDUCATION

Minister Eggen says he's not opposed to proposal

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

A Progressive Conservative MLA admits her party missed an opportunity to develop a policy to protect and support LGBTQ students and teachers in the province's school boards. But Sandra Jansen is now calling on the current government to develop such policy immediately come the fall session in October.

This comes on the heels of a Palliser Division school that was told to change an agreement that required teachers to refrain from engaging in "homosexuality."

"(The PCs) should have had a policy," said Jansen, who recently went to Facebook to clarify she had no role in crafting Bill 10 under former Premier Jim Prentice.

Education Minister David Eggen said the current government isn't opposed to Jansen's proposal.

"If we need to enforce policy, we will do that," he said, adding the government is currently examining what its options are.

The government is "chasing" unfair labour contracts to ensure the law is upheld, Eggen added, noting it was part of talks that saw Master Academy and College change its controversial agreement that required teachers to refrain from engaging in "homosexuality" and "any other immorality."

"We're committed to ensuring society is safe and caring for all students and teachers in Alberta," Eggen said.

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Project REDresses issues facing aboriginal women

CAMPAIGN

Calgarians encouraged to wear, display symbol Oct. 4

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

In 2014 there were an estimated 225 missing or murdered aboriginal women in Canada, according the RCMP statistics.

Jamie Black, an aboriginal artist from Winnipeg, wanted to showcase the issue in an artistic way, so five years ago she created the REDress project.

Each dress is "symbolic of the violence faced by indigenous women but is also a symbol of the power of a community coming together to fight this violence," said Black.

Linda Nothing, who is helping to organize the Calgary chapter of the project that will be held Oct. 4 across the country, said they will be accepting red dress donations to create their version of the project, but are also asking Calgarians to show support on their own.

"We encourage people to hang up a red dress outside their home, business or office, to wear a red dress on that day and also to study what is happening, why is that happening," she said.

Black said the project is not only art, but an education piece and "hopefully a way to bridge the gap."

She said many people who see the project are shocked that this is an issue in Canada.

"The image itself can speak to a lot of people," she said. "If they aren't aware of the issue they are often shocked and surprised that it's happening in Canada because there is a lot of under-education and mis-education about indigenous issues here."

> **There are a high number of missing and murdered indigenous women in Alberta.**
> Linda Nothing

Nothing said it's important for Calgary — Prime Minister Harper's home town — to participate because it could catch his attention.

"It's very important because there are a high number of missing and murdered indigenous women in Alberta, as well," she said.

Nothing said a location has yet to be determined for people to drop off dresses. But If you'd like more details on how to donate a dress, you can reach her at 587-834-3800.

A ceremony is expected to be held on Oct. 4. Its location has yet to be determined.

According to Winnipeg-based artist Jamie Black, the red dress is symbolic of the violence experienced by indigenous women, and aims to bring the community together to combat it.
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STICKER PROGRAM

Legal suite registry released

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Illegal secondary suites have become a prevalent nightmare for those looking to rent or buy. The big issue is it's been tough to tell when you actually live in one — until now.

After a discussion on how to make Calgary's many hidden secondary suites safer and more visible last March, the city has launched a "sticker program" to help the public recognize the difference between legal and safe secondary suites.

"Alberta's building code requirements for secondary suites are important in protecting the public," said Cliff De Jong, Special Project Coordinator with Planning, Development and Assessment at the city, in a press release. "The registry program allows Calgarians to verify if a home they're considering meets these requirements."

Greg Miller, a volunteer with Calgarians for Secondary Suites, said the program is a small victory but the city has a lot left to do in the realm of secondary suites.

The program has been designed to show buyers and renters when a suite has been inspected by the city, and if it meets the Alberta building code requirements. There's an online mapping tool where Calgarians can search and view if the property makes the cut.

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Councillors want to know what can be done to mitigate incidents at intersections. METRO FILE

Councillors pan intersection action

ROAD SAFETY

City to launch campaign after teen killed in traffic incident

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgary councillors had pedestrian safety on their minds after a driver hit a pedestrian in Erin Woods, taking the life of a teenager last week.

"People are dying in the streets," Druh Farrell said in a phone interview last week.

Question period spurred concern from Couns. Andre Chabot and Ray Jones on what action could be taken at the intersection and others to prevent tragedy in the future.

"I spent about an hour there recently and saw firsthand how many children reside in the area, as well as how many vehicles travel on this road," said Chabot. "Are there any measures we can take immediately to minimize the risk of any future events?"

Chabot said he was given information about the Erin Woods Boulevard and Erin Woods Place intersection from the city with data on collisions in the area for both car and pedestrian traffic.

"I was also informed that following a pedestrian injury in February that a collision review was conducted," said Chabot. "The review indicated that no clear trends could be identified at the intersection along this corridor."

In direct response to the tragic incident in Erin Woods the city will be launching the "Look out for each other," campaign — an awareness campaign for pedestrians and motorists — as well as the "eye slows" program, which gives drivers an indication of how fast they are going.

Jones chimed in adding every ward has "problem" intersections.

"I had one about a month ago where, on 56 Street and Temple Drive, two people were hit in an intersection," Jones said.

He asked administration if trees are cut down for visibility and whether rectangular rapid flash beacons could be installed. Administration said the traffic calming lights are installed based on a determined "warrant" and the listed intersections weren't high on that list.

"I guess the list is just too long," said Jones.

Coun. Druh Farrell spoke about pedestrian safety during budget discussions and said more needs to be done to address the problem in the capital budget.

"I'm looking forward to more work in this area," said Farrell.

"Until we get to vision zero, we haven't done enough."

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Pedestrian deaths this year, the same as last year.

Acting Chief Trevor Daroux said children today face different challenges, including cyber security. AARON CHATHA/METRO

YOUTHLINK

Interpretive centre launched by police

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Police celebrated the launch of their new Youth Link Interpretive Centre, aimed at empowering youth to make good decisions.

"It really is an opportunity to speak to kids and teach them about realities, and some of those are harsh realities about gangs, drugs, bullying," said acting Chief Trevor Daroux.

"What this does is allow us to get that message in a manner that the kids are excited about."

The centre pairs state-of-the-art technology, such as a virtual ride along in a HAWCS helicopter, with stories from the Calgary Police Service.

The Calgary Police Foundation donated $5 million to the project.

It's open to Grade 6 classes throughout the week, but police say there's already a wait list as all the slots for this year have been booked.

Located at police headquarters, it will also be open to the public with free admission on Fridays and Saturdays.

IN BRIEF

Debate cancelled in Calgary-Midnapore

The Oct. 7 debate in Conservative MP Jason Kenney's Riding of Calgary-Midnapore has been cancelled because Kenney will not attend the debate.

The Acadia Community Centre is hosting a debate on Oct. 8 which will go ahead with or without Kenney's attendance. NDP Candidate Laura Weston said Kenney shouldn't assume he has guaranteed support in his riding.

"Mr. Kenney is shirking his democratic obligations by choosing not to attend the debate," she said. METRO

Crash in B.C. claims life of an Alberta woman

An early-morning crash on Highway 1 in southeastern B.C. has claimed the life of an Alberta woman.

Police say they were called on Monday to a report of a crash about 35 kilometres east of Revelstoke. RCMP Staff Sgt. Kurt Grabinsky says a vehicle went down an embankment, hitting several trees along the way. The woman — whose name and hometown hasn't been released — died in the crash.

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Calgary cuts 2016 tax rate hike by 1.2%

BUDGET

Homeowners to save average of $2 a month

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Mayor Naheed Nenshi says it's not a huge amount of money, but in these times it's an important message to send to taxpayers.

On Monday the Calgary City Council passed its latest budget update, which reduced the planned 2016 tax increase from 4.7 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

The average Calgary homeowner will now pay about $4.90 more per month over their tax bill last year. That number would have been closer to $6.75 before Monday's vote.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he directed city administrators to divert city cost savings into tax savings. METROFILE

When asked why the city didn't take the rate even lower, Nenshi reminded reporters that the city does its budgets differently than the provincial and federal governments.

"Our budget is set by determining the level of service we need, and then the tax rate comes as an outcome of that," said the mayor.

He said the economic downturn has driven inflation down, but the city's population continues to grow at rates higher than predicted in the initial 2016 budget.

The 1.2 per cent reduction will amount to an $18 million reduction in base revenue. The City plans to make up the difference in efficiencies and savings without impacting frontline services.

With the exception of investments in Calgary Transit, the city is mainly maintaining current levels of service and increasing them to meet population growth.

Coun. Sean Chu voted for the budget, even though he thinks the city could do better when it comes to lowering taxes.

He would've preferred to see the increase set to zero, and keep increases tied to the Consumer Price Index.

Like Nenshi, Chu thinks this adjustment is symbolic more than anything.

"It's the meaning behind it," he said. "We're actually talking about how low we're going to go. For the last — I don't know how long — all we talked about is how high we're going to increase taxes."

PRIVACY

Province will be probed on FOIP

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Imagine reading through a list of other Calgarians' Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy requests over a cup of coffee.

As it stands, the City of Calgary isn't set up like that. But one day it could be.

Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart proposed an amendment to her earlier motion to have administration review how it would be possible to disclose FOIP requests to the public. She asked to have Mayor Naheed Nenshi write a letter to the province to "expedite a decision on simultaneous FOIP disclosure," as an amendment — it passed.

"We've found about 50,000 ways to say no rather than finding ways to say yes to do this," said Colley-Urquhart.

"I think it would significantly reduce the FOIP requests if the person that was FOIP-ing us knew that everyone else was going to be privileged to the same information at the same time."

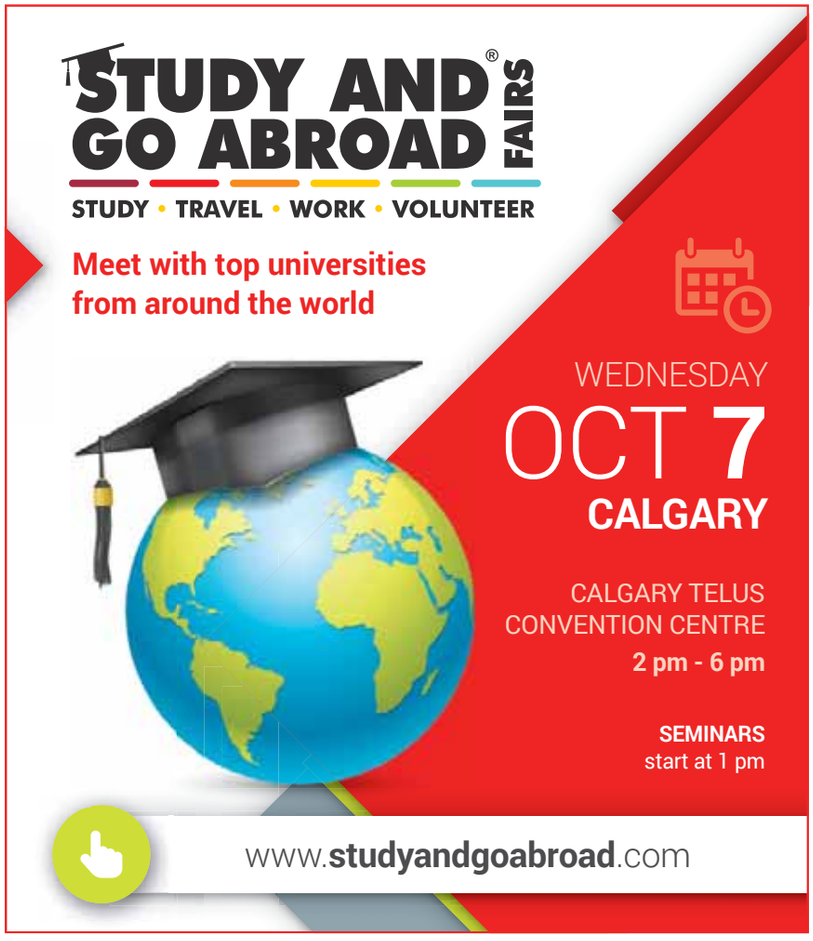
IN BRIEF

Council, administration divided on young voters

In a debate over how to raise the municipal voter turnout, Calgary councillors got heated over youth's place on the ballot.

Coun. Brian Pincott, who attended the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association conference last week, said he was disappointed administration told councillors to vote against allowing 16-year-olds to vote — a motion brought forward to the association by the City of Lethbridge.

"Unfortunately it lost, overwhelmingly it lost," said Pincott. "If you get them to vote earlier, you've got them for life ... why is there one of these tools we would dismiss?" HELEN PIKE/METRO



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Ceniza Aviles, Cameron Taylor, Rebecca Dawn and Yimu Wang are ready to show off their moves at Letters.
JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Teens take on suicide via dance

YOUTH OUTREACH

Letters focuses on disconnect between youth and parents

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Both Albert Mejia and Ceniza Aviles want you to know that suicide affects everyone, no matter your social status or mental state.

The couple will perform their piece — How to Save a Life — Wednesday at the Big Secret Theatre in Arts Commons as part of a larger show called Letters, which looks at the disconnect between young people and their parents.

Mejia said suicide hits close to home for the duo, especially Aviles. Her high-school counsellor, Jill Tardiff, committed suicide over the Labour Day long weekend in Winnipeg. Her body was found in the Red River on Sept. 10.

In fact, it was her counsellor who got Aviles into dance, Mejia said.

"(Aviles) had good grades but skipped school a lot," he said. "But Ms. Tardiff really challenged her, so if it wasn't for her, (Aviles) wouldn't be on stage today."

Mejia said the duo's performance was inspired by the deaths of Bettina Rodriguez and Arvyn Buenviaje — a Winnipeg high-school couple — who committed suicide in May.

Rodriguez died on May 1, and Buenviaje on May 5.

Both students were smart and well-liked by their peers, Mejia said, adding the pair's performance will emulate the stories and struggles of both Rodriguez and Buenviaje.

"That's why we really wanted to do this," he said. "We wanted to show that suicide affects everyone, whether they're rich or poor, or openly depressed or seem happy."

"We want to show to family and students that we're embracing the fact that suicide is here," he added. "I hope it lets them talk to others if they're going through something today."

That was the goal of Letters: to join youth with their parents to show that the power of connection can inspire resilience, according to Connie Jakab, artistic director of Mpact, which is organizing Letters.

"I hope the audience leaves knowing that there is hope out there," she said. "No youth wakes up one day to wreck their life."

Performances will be held from Wednesday to Sunday. More info can be found at mpactdance.com.

GENDER ROLES

Digging to the STEM of the problem

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Growing up, Kylie Toh loved math — and she was pretty good at it. It was only when she hit university that Toh began to hear a common sentiment among her female peers: they weren't good at math and didn't get technology.

It got to her, and rather than pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM), she went into communications.

"I ended up never taking a math class all through university," said Toh. "And that was actually really, really sad."

Toh's story does have a positive ending, however. She taught herself coding and went on to found Chic Geek, a Calgary organization aimed at educating, engaging and empowering women in STEM fields.

Because for every Kylie Toh, there are several women who did not enter a STEM field. Toh said a lack of confidence is a major issue.

That's one topic Toh will be discussing on Wednesday as she joins a Twitter chat hosted by Mount Royal University to discuss women in STEM fields.

Karen Richard, Mount Royal social-networking strategist, is facilitating the chat, which will include several women working in STEM careers. She said she hopes that by hosting it on Twitter, people will join in to ask questions and share their own experiences. She hopes to talk about barriers such as a lack of role models for girls.

The chat takes place on Wednesday at 1 p.m. It can be followed through the @mountroyal4u and @chicgeekyyc accounts or the hashtag #WomenInSTEM.

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First-timer's vote most likely to be a compromise

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Calgary

Tina Belay is treading carefully.

The 21-year-old science major at the University of Calgary isn't used to media interviews, and on top of that, she's serious about her first chance to vote.

She pauses before answering my questions, looking for the right words.

Mostly, she's far from made up her mind on how to vote.

"Women's issues are really important to me," she says. "We are a developed nation, we're a modern nation. People think we're handling it. But these issues are still prevalent today" — things like equal pay, and violence against women. The leaders "have been talking about gender inequality, but they haven't been talking specifically about women's issues," she adds.

She hasn't immediately ruled out the Conservatives, though Stephen Harper declined to participate in a debate on women's issues, which would have been the first in decades.

Belay has dreams of finding work at a biotech company, but notes even the supposedly job-guaranteeing engineering degree holds uncertainty these days. She cares about career opportunities, and worries about the low dollar and the economy.

When I ask for her wish list in the next prime minister, Belay gets animated. "My wish list! OK."

She'd like to see bills C-51 (on surveillance, supported by the Liberals) and C-24 (on dual citizenship) repealed.

She'd like a missing and murdered indigenous women inquiry.

She'd like a national minimum wage, and says the NDP's $15-an-hour plan could be a good start.

"The environment is a huge thing," she adds. "Climate change is real. We have to start looking at sustainable sources of energy, less reliance on Alberta's oil. It is a really important part of our economy, but it's not sustainable."

Despite feeling like she's in the middle of the political spectrum, if not slightly left, she's not ready to rule anyone out. And the decision isn't getting easier.

"The more I learn, the more confused I feel," she says. In an election where many see the NDP as having been outflanked to the left by the Liberals, she's not alone. The parties aren't sticking to the cookie-culture image of political ideologies, she says.

With no obvious political home, this — her first vote — will undoubtedly be a compromise. It would help, she said, if the parties offered more specifics for some platform plans. "How exactly are you going to do that? People need to hear concrete actions they're going to take."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow she is in Ottawa

VOTER PROFILE

Name: Tina Belay **Age:** 21 **Riding:** Calgary Skyview
Her issues: Women's rights, environment, Bill C-51, missing and murdered women, minimum wage, climate change

Youth eye change in Calgary, but will they vote?

TURNOUT

Young voters don't cast ballot until older, data show

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

In 2006, Tyler Longmire was sitting in his university residence with friends, knocking back shots of liquor while they watched the federal election.

It was the first election in which he was old enough to cast a ballot and one that saw Stephen Harper elected into office for the first time, with a minority government. The rest of the night is a blur.

Fast-forward to the upcoming Oct. 19 election, and Longmire, now 27 and having grown up in Conservative Alberta, thinks that young Albertans will be voting for a change in federal power — just as they did when the NDP took the province in the May provincial vote.

"Just from my experience, I definitely don't know any people my age or younger who are really stoked for the Conservatives to win," he said. "But, then again, maybe that's just the circles that I run in."

Tyler Longmire believes there is an appetite for change among young Calgarians — but also a lot of apathy, which will prevent youth from turning up at the polls. AARON CHATHA/METRO

He believes the youth vote has soured on the Conservatives due to issues like Bill C-51, university and research funding and environmental decisions.

Melanee Thomas, political science professor at the University of Calgary, said the youth vote may have less to do with a need for change, however, and more to do with reflecting their parents' values.

"People who were 18, their parents are, what, 45?" she said. "Their parents are voting (New Democrat) at close to, but not quite, the same rate as their kids," she said.

Thomas said experiences like getting married and moving to a different community may change someone's party identifications, but those events often don't occur until someone's late 20s or early 30s.

Romy Garrido, vice-president of external relations for the University of Calgary Students' Union, agrees with Longmire: the provincial vote was a good indication youth are swaying toward change.

"I'm not sure how youth will sway this time around, but I wouldn't be surprised if something similar happens at the federal level that happened at the provincial level given that young people had a huge impact in the provincial results," she said.

Garrido added, however, the impact of the youth vote will be dependent on voter turnout.

Regardless of how youth are inclined to vote, said Duane Bratt, chair of the department of policy studies at Mount Royal University said, young voters can't be trusted to mobilize.

Bratt said it's no secret that regardless of location around Canada youth tend to vote more progressive, but he said years of historical data show that young voters don't vote until they get older.

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> Romy Garrido

Longmire said he's seen an increase in political awareness and a reduction in voter apathy on his social media feeds, but doesn't know if that will translate to more youth votes.

He's still going to vote, and he hopes others do too.

And, yes, Longmire plans to throw another election day party Oct. 19.

CAMPUSES

Campaigns push for greater student voice

Regardless of political stripes, young people are mobilizing in greater numbers and it's showing in local Get Out the Vote Campaigns on campuses. The University of Calgary has more than 4,100 people pledging to vote. Mount Royal is pushing to reach 5,000 of its students making the commitment to cast a ballot. Both schools have found success in reaching out to the thousands of new students coming to campuses for the first time. "We go out and do classroom visits and try to be at all the welcome back events," Madina Kanayeva, vice president external at the Students' association of Mount Royal University, told Metro. The University of Calgary's GOTV team is personalizing their engagement with reminder messages to exercise the franchise.

METRO

Spider-Mable saves day

CHILDREN'S WISH

Girl with cancer gives superhero a hand fighting crime on streets

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's pint-sized hero Spider-Mable has swung into action to help save Oilers captain Andrew Ference.

The six-year-old girl was living out her biggest wish on Monday, hanging out with Spider-Man and Black Cat, working to save Ference from the villain Mysterio.

The hero's day out was organized by the Children's Wish Foundation for Mable Tooke, who has been battling leukemia for the past two years.

The adventure began with a meeting with Mayor Don Iveson, followed by a briefing from Edmonton police on the jobs ahead, all with Spider-Man beside her.

Mable had time for just a few words, after a superhero lunch at West Edmonton Mall, before heading out: "It's pretty cool."

Spider-Mable, 6, a.k.a. Mable Tooke, rescues Black Cat in Edmonton on Monday as she gets her wish to do good with Spider-Man. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dressed in Spider-Man shoes, a Spider-Man costume and mask, along with a streak of red hair, Mable said she was excited to fight crime alongside the famous wall-crawler.

"He's smart and he's a superhero," she said.

> **We haven't found anything that intimidates her yet.**
> Neil Tooke, Mable's father

Mable's adventure included rescuing Black Cat with a trip across the West Edmonton Mall pool on a zipline, which she said didn't scare her one bit.

Superhero work comes naturally to Spider-Mable, according to her father, Neil Tooke, who watched from below as she streaked across the pool.

"She's adventurous, and we haven't found anything that intimidates her yet," he said. "We're going to spend a lot of time on the West Edmonton Mall zipline now."

He said that when the Children's Wish Foundation first approached them, Mable was told she could have anything or go anywhere she wanted, but she had only one thing in mind.

"She said, 'Mommy and Daddy, I just really want to spend some time with Spider-Man.'"

Her mother, Lisa Tooke, thanked everyone involved.

"It was the very start when she saw the little newscast calling for Spider-Mable. At first it was disbelief in her eyes, and then a slow smile appears, and then there was a big grin, and then she said, 'Let's go.'"

She said her daughter has one relatively light chemo treatment daily, along with heavier, more painful treatments once a week and "terrible" treatments every three months, so granting the wish is exceptional.

OBITUARY

Tenor Burgess dies at 70

Michael Burgess as Valjean in '89. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

A family friend says Canadian tenor Michael Burgess has died at age 70. Bruce Bowser says Burgess died in a Toronto hospice on Monday evening. Burgess battled cancer for many years.

He was best known for his portrayal of Jean Valjean in the Toronto production of Les Miserables and took the role across Canada on the first national tour of the production, as well as appearing for the 10th anniversary concert at Royal Albert Hall in London.

Burgess was known for singing the national anthem at Toronto Maple Leafs home games. He was also the first person to sing O Canada at a World Series baseball game.

Bowser says a funeral is planned for Oct. 5.

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Teenager stabs bear to rescue his dog

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Port Coquitlam, B.C., teenager is lucky to be alive after he fought off a black bear and stabbed it with a kitchen knife to save his dog last week.

The terrifying encounter happened Wednesday around 8:30 p.m. when 15-year-old Pierce Ormiston, who was home alone, said he decided to let his dog, Dublin, out into the backyard.

Since the family often sees small bears around their home, he said, they always turn on the lights and clap their hands to check that it is safe — a routine Pierce said he followed that night.

"A minute later, I heard the dog barking like never before," he told Metro. "I went outside … and I just see a bear pounce on my dog. My dog was right under it. It wasn't one of the little bears. It was huge. It was probably a mom."

Pierce said he grabbed a pot and wooden spoon and starting banging on it. When the sound didn't deter the bear, Pierce ran toward the animal and hit it with the pot.

"I started tackling it, but it wasn't even looking at me," he said. "So I went inside and saw a knife on the counter. It's a six-inch kitchen knife."

Pierce said he stabbed the bear in the back, freeing Dublin. The pair ran back inside.

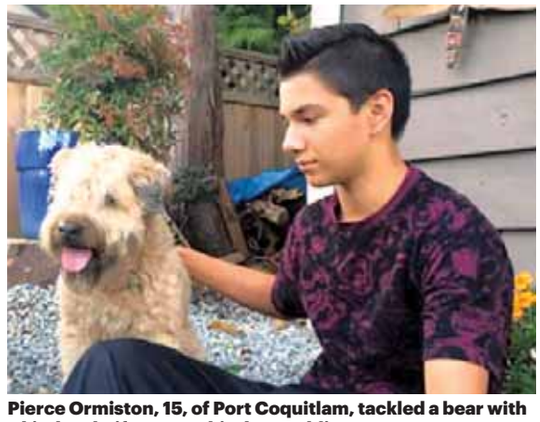
After a few minutes, he said, he couldn't see the bear anymore and decided to go back outside for the knife. The bear was waiting on the deck.

"I took one step out and the bear inched forward to me," he said. "It was trying to get after me, so I went back inside."

Pierce said he and his dog huddled in the living room until the bear wandered away.

Miraculously, Pierce said, he suffered only a few scratches on his legs from landing on a tree stump during the scuffle. His dog was also uninjured,

"It scares me to death to think of what could have happened," said Pierce's mom, L.B. Ormiston. "We could have had a very different outcome."



Pierce Ormiston, 15, of Port Coquitlam, tackled a bear with a kitchen knife to save his dog, Dublin . CONTRIBUTED

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Voters win Munk Debate

ANALYSIS

'Substantive' exchanges help clarify views of the leaders

Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

Now, that is how you hold a federal leaders' debate. Only a few instances of the leaders shouting over each other. Largely calm and respectful exchanges in both English and French. A moderator, flanked by a live audience, who doggedly kept the leaders in check.

Hats off to the Munk Debates. Other debate organizers should take note.

There was almost a note of surprise in the voice of Rudyard Griffiths, chairman of the Munk Debates, when he thanked the leaders after the first exchange for a "civil and substantive" debate. Who woulda thunk it?

The clear winner of the Munk Debate on foreign affairs was the Canadian voter, who saw three party leaders espouse three distinct views on the country's role on the world stage.

Here's my assessment of how each leader did:

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair acknowledge the crowd from the stage at the Munk Debate on Canada's foreign policy, Tuesday, in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It's a responsible response. It is not based on the headlines.**
> Stephen Harper

> **The NDP has a clear plan to bring in 2,500 more police officers across the country.**
> Tom Mulcair

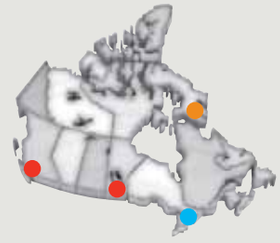
> **It's not about politics; it's about being the country that we have always been.**
> Justin Trudeau

Stephen Harper: B+

Tom Mulcair: B

Justin Trudeau: A

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TUESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Vaughan, Ont.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Winnipeg and Richmond, B.C.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Iqaluit, Nunavut.
- Elizabeth May's itinerary was not available

Stephen Harper

A steady performance by the Conservative leader. Harper rarely gets animated in these debates, often preferring to sit back and let his rivals fight amongst themselves. He did that this time around, but he also put in a good performance, weathering his opponents' attacks while getting in a few jabs of his own. He seemed mildly exasperated at times, his tone one of seeming bewilderment that the other leaders don't share his positions.

He was surprisingly solid on the question about climate change, a perceived weak spot for his government. But his best exchange came after Trudeau said he doesn't like U.S. President Barack Obama. Harper shot back, asking the audience to imagine one of his rivals phoning up Obama on their first day in office and telling him that Canada is pulling out of the fight against ISIL.

"If you really want to poison the relationship, that would be the way to do it," Harper said.

Tom Mulcair

Mulcair needed a strong performance in this debate, with polls persistently showing the New Democrats' support is stalled in the 31 to 33 per cent range. He had some good zingers, often at Trudeau's expense, and eventually articulated when an NDP government would use military force in foreign conflicts. But far too often, Mulcair seemed the odd man out as the Liberal leader and Harper traded blows. He got in a nice jab in his closing statement, saying Canadians now have a choice between the Liberal sponsorship and Conservative Senate scandals.

Mulcair also got in a nice shot at Trudeau in response to a question about how each leader would stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin, chiding the Liberal leader for voting in favour of C-51, the Conservatives' anti-terror legislation.

Justin Trudeau

This was probably Trudeau's best debate performance. He made his interjections mean something by using them far less than he did in the first two English-language debates. He was far less breathless and frenetic than he had been in other debates, particularly the Globe and Mail debate. You have to wonder if having a live audience to which he could play to had anything to do with his much-improved showing.

His best exchange of the night came when in response to what he characterized as attacks on the legacy of his father, former prime minister Pierre Trudeau. Trudeau, in his most passionate response of the night, cited the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and multiculturalism as some of his father's accomplishments. Then he pivoted, using another of his father's legacies — official bilingualism — to land a body blow on Mulcair.

"Bilingualism, which, as my father understood, Mr. Mulcair, means saying the same thing in French that you say in English," Trudeau said. The line drew an audible "ooh" from the crowd and left Mulcair at a bit of a loss.

POLICY

Tories sit alone on Bill C-24

The Conservatives went to great pains Monday to set themselves apart from their opponents on Bill C-24, saying a Liberal or NDP government would allow convicted terrorists who loathe Canada to roam the streets once they leave prison.

The bill, which became law in May, allows the federal government to strip Canadian citizenship from dual citizens convicted of terrorist offences.

The legislation has stoked controversy in recent days after the government announced Saturday that it revoked the citizenship of Zakaria Amara, a member of the so-called Toronto 18 terrorist group sentenced to life in prison in 2010.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Monday that because the NDP and Liberals have promised to abolish the law, Amara — who pleaded guilty to plotting to bomb downtown Toronto — would be free to walk the streets and travel with a Canadian passport after serving his sentence. Amara becomes eligible for parole in 2016.

In contrast, a Conservative government would ensure that Amara, who holds Jordanian citizenship, would be deported as soon as he's freed under the legislative authority of C-24, Kenney told a news conference in Levis, Que.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has opposed Bill C-24 and questioned the timing of the announcement to revoke Amara's citizenship, coming as it did in the middle of the campaign. Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has said he would remove elements of the law on the basis it creates two classes of citizens.

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Invite Bloc to debate: Greens

The federal Green party is still holding out hope for an English-language campaign debate aired by the major television broadcasters — and it says Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe should be there.

The Greens are calling on CBC, CTV and Global to invite Duceppe, in keeping with the principle that any leader with MPs elected under their party banner should be asked to take part.

It marks the latest effort by the Green party — whose leader Elizabeth May is already invited — to revive interest in an event that may not happen at all.

Elizabeth May

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper has indicated he will not take part and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says his participation is contingent on Harper being there.

The absence of two leaders could scuttle the debate, long a campaign fixture viewed by several million people.

However, Green party spokesman Julian Morelli says he's been assured the event will go ahead as long as Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau agree to participate.

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Taliban takes city

AFGHANISTAN

Defenders not prepared for attack from all angles: Official

The Taliban captured the strategic northern Afghan city of Kunduz on Monday in a multi-pronged attack involving hundreds of fighters, marking the first time the insurgents have seized a major urban area since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

The fast-moving assault took military and intelligence agencies by surprise. The city is one of Afghanistan's richest and the target of repeated Taliban offensives as the militants spread their fight across the country following the withdrawal last year of U.S. and NATO combat troops.

> **Carry out your ordinary livelihoods in absolute security.**
> Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor

Within 12 hours of launching the offensive around 3 a.m., the militants had reached the main square, tearing down photographs of President Ashraf Ghani and other leaders and raising the white flag of the Taliban movement, residents reported.

More than 600 prisoners, including 140 Taliban fighters, were released from the city's jail, and many people were trying to reach the airport to flee.

"Kunduz city has collapsed into the hands of the Taliban," said Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi. "Security forces in Kunduz were prepared for an attack but not one of this size and not one that was co-ordinated in 10 different locations at the same time."

The Taliban used social media to claim the "conquest" of Kunduz and assure residents that the extremist group — responsible for the vast majority of nearly 5,000 civilian casualties in the first half of this year, according to the UN — came in peace.

A statement attributed to the group's new leader, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, said: "The citizens of Kunduz should not worry about safeguarding their lives and properties.... All traders, workers, staff of hospitals, municipality and governing bodies should continue their daily routines without any fear."

The Taliban have a history of brutality toward those they regard as apostates and have banned girls from school as well as music, movies and other trappings of modern life.

Sediqqi said military reinforcements were being sent to Kunduz. "We are trying our best to clear the city as soon as possible," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YEMEN

Wedding party massacred by mistake

The Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels mistakenly struck a wedding party on Monday, killing at least 38 people, Yemeni security officials said.

The strikes hit the celebration in al-Wahga, a village near the strategic Strait of Bab al-Mandab, said the officials, who remain neutral in the conflict that has splintered Yemen.

At least 40 people were wounded in the two airstrikes, they said. The strikes, a senior government official said, were "a mistake." Many of the victims were women and children, according to several villagers.

Yemen has been embroiled in fighting that pits the rebels, known as Houthis, and forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against the Saudi-backed and internationally recognized government as well as southern separatists, local militias and Sunni extremists. The U.S.-backed coalition has been carrying out airstrikes against the rebels and their allies since March.

Further details about the massacre were not immediately known, but the village in which it took place lies in the battered Taiz province, where civilians routinely fall victim to daily Saudi airstrikes as well as rebel mortar shells.

Only seven of Taiz's 21 hospitals are currently open but they are "totally overwhelmed" and have run out of essential medication, said Hassan Boucenine of Doctors Without Borders earlier this week.

The conflict in Yemen has killed at least 2,100 civilians so far, according to UN figures.

All officials and local residents spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media or fear reprisals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ROCKET SCIENCE

India launches first space observatory

India successfully launched its first space observatory and six satellites into orbit on Monday, officials said, the latest step forward for a country looking to become a major player in the lucrative space market.

The observatory, named Astrosat, was launched from Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, said the Indian Space and Research Organization (ISRO). Astrosat will attempt a deeper study of the universe, especially star systems.

India's junior science minister, Y.S. Choudhury, said the launch of the observatory was part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for India's space program.

Modi, who is currently visiting the United States, tweeted his congratulations:

"Well done @isro. This is one more grand accomplishment for Indian science & our scientists."

Last September, India joined an elite club when it successfully guided its Mars Orbiter Mission, called Mangalyaan, into orbit around the Red Planet. Only the United States, the former Soviet Union and the European Space Agency had done that before.

In December, India launched the country's heaviest rocket, weighing 630 tonnes.

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The Astrosat has a mission life of five years and sends data to a control centre in Bangalore.

DISCOVERY

Water's flowing on Mars, NASA thinks

Mars appears to have flowing rivulets of water, at least in the summer, scientists reported Monday in a finding that boosts the odds of life on the red planet.

"Mars is not the dry, arid planet that we thought of in the past," said Jim Green, director of planetary science for NASA.

Scientists in 2008 confirmed the existence of frozen water on Mars. Now instruments aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter have yielded what researchers said is the strongest evidence yet that water in liquid form trickles down certain Martian slopes.

And because liquid water is essential to life as we know it, the finding could have major implications for the possibility of microscopic life forms on Mars.

"It suggests that it would be possible for there to be life today on Mars," NASA's science mission chief, John Grunsfeld, said at a Washington news conference.

The rivulets — if that's what they are, since the evidence for their existence is indirect — are about 12 to 15 feet wide and 300 feet or more long, scientists said. They apparently consist of wet soil, not standing water, scientists said.

The water is believed to contain certain salts — not ordinary table salt, but magnesium perchlorate, magnesium chlorate and sodium perchlorate.

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IN BRIEF

Prison worker who aided jailbreak sentenced

A sobbing former prison worker who helped two murderers escape from a maximum-security lockup said she regretted her "horrible mistake" as she was sentenced to up to seven years as part of a plea deal.

Joyce Mitchell apologized profusely as she was sentenced to 2-1/3 to seven years in prison. Mitchell, 51, had pleaded guilty to charges related to providing hacksaw blades and other tools to inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat.

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Deadly Bangkok bombings may be linked: Thai police

Police on Monday gave their most detailed explanation yet of who they believe was behind last month's deadly bombing in Bangkok, for the first time publicly linking one of the suspects to previous blasts.

Authorities have said they believe the Aug. 17 bombing at the Erawan Shrine, which killed 20 people and injured more than 120, was carried out by a people-smuggling gang seeking revenge for having their operation curbed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian President Vladimir Putin takes part in a luncheon hosted by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the United Nations headquarters in New York. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World leaders at UN split on Syria crisis

DIPLOMACY

Major powers discuss finding viable solution to conflict

Vladimir Putin played it cool, Barack Obama was earnest but firm and Iran's president walked in smiling.

World leaders glided through the opening day of a UN gathering that aims to wrestle with the globe's biggest crises — a historic flood of refugees, the rise of threats like the Islamic State group and the conflict in Syria.

The UN secretary-general for the first time called for the civil war in Syria to be referred to the International Criminal Court, while Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said Iran's recent nuclear deal with world powers had a broader goal: "We want to suggest a new and constructive way to recreate the international order."

Obama and Putin, hours ahead of their first face-to-face meeting in nearly a year, gave no sign of closing their deep divide on the Syrian crisis.

Obama said of Syrian President Bashar Assad, "when a dictator slaughters tens of thousands of his own people, that is not a matter of a nation's internal affairs." The U.S. is prepared to work with any country, including Russia and Iran, to resolve Syria's conflict, Obama said.

> **We want to suggest a new and constructive way to recreate the international order.**
>
> Hassan Rouhani, president of Iran

The U.S. president also took jabs at Russia and China, without naming names. "The strong men of today become the spark of revolution tomorrow," Obama warned. And he added in a critique of restrictions on speech, "You can control access to information ... but you cannot turn a lie into truth."

Putin, who showed up at the UN gathering for the first time in a decade and was not at Russia's seat in the chamber when Obama spoke, called for the creation of a broad international coalition against terror.

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Migrant children, newborns treated for flu as temperatures plunge in Croatia

Doctors treated migrant children — including newborns — for exposure as dropping temperatures Monday worsened the plight of asylum-seekers walking for days trying to reach sanctuary in Europe.

One group of migrants crossed into Croatia near the small village of Bapska, walking through cornfields and forests late Sunday to pass through a small gate that marks the border with Serbia.

Vladimir Bozic, a physician from Doctors without Borders, said he had treated many young children for temperature-related illnesses.

"We saw a one-month-old baby, even (one just) 15 days," Bozic said.

Volunteers from the UN High Commission for Refugees handed out blankets, warm drinks and food to those fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Many are suffering in rising numbers from colds and the flu after days or weeks on the move in the rain and the mud.

"I expect even more, with the worsening of these cold conditions," Bozic said. "Winter is coming."

Migrants lined up at Croatia's Opatovac transit centre Monday to take trains out of the country. About 78,000 asylum seekers have crossed into Croatia since Sept. 15, when Hungary closed its border with Serbia, diverting the migrants to Croatia.

Saed Al Mousawi, who fled from Afghanistan, said the drop in temperatures had made many feel unwell, especially the children. T h e route has been hard, but he's determined to keep going.

"We have dreams to have a peaceful life, without war, without any other distractions," he said.

Little peace remained, though, between Balkan rivals Serbia and Croatia.

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FIERY FIESTA HONOURING A SAINT Villagers with flaming torches take part in the procession of El Vitor in the town of Mayorga in Valladolid, Spain, Monday. The event pays homage to Santo Toribio, a missionary canonized in the 18th century. JOSE VICENTE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough talks loom for secessionists

SPAIN

Parties who want separate Catalonia aim for coalition

Secessionist parties who agree on breaking Catalonia away from Spain but little else started preparing Monday for tough political negotiations aimed at forming a regional coalition government to push their independence agenda despite a warning from Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy that any separation attempt won't be permitted.

The separatist "Together for Yes" pro-independence alliance on Sunday won 62 seats in Catalonia's 135-member parliament, six short of a majority, forcing it to seek support from the Popular Unity Candidacy anti-establishment separatist party that detests Artur Mas, the regional leader who called the vote.

Both sides said talks would begin soon to form a regional government and pick its leader. The Popular Unity Candidacy party, known as CUP, won 10 seats and has lambasted Mas for invoking unpopular austerity measures.

Members said Monday they wouldn't support anyone to lead Catalonia's regional government linked to "cutbacks and corruption," a clear reference to Mas, who presided over cutbacks during Spain's years of economic hardship during the financial crisis.

While CUP leader David Fernandez promised his party will help the "Together for Yes" side because both share the common goal of independence, analysts predicted difficult negotiations.

CUP is "in a tough spot: supporting Mas would antagonize its voter base, but forcing him to step down could paralyze the independence process," said Antonio Barroso, a London-based analyst with the Teneo Intelligence consulting group.

> **Forcing Mas to step down could paralyze the independence process.**
> Antonio Barroso

Mas on Monday insisted that under party agreements he has to be the regional presidential candidate.

Under the 41-year-old Fernandez, CUP has succeeded regionally in tapping into the same anger at austerity measures exploited by far-left European parties like Syriza in Greece.

Catalans, he said in an interview last week, need to claim their sovereignty as a nation from a Spanish state he sees as an enthusiastic participant in a global capitalist economy he labels as "a war machine that robs, kills and lies." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIPLOMACY

Russian ambassador says Poland is partly to blame for WWII

Russia's ambassador to Poland has partly backtracked from an accusation that Poland bears some blame for starting World War II because of its policies in the 1930s, words that outraged Poles.

Sergey Andreev said Monday he had no intention of offending the Polish nation and added: "I regret that I wasn't sufficiently precise." But he also said there had been an "unfair interpretation" of his words.

He spoke to reporters after being summoned to the Foreign Ministry following comments in a TV interview Friday that sparked the uproar.

The diplomatic spat comes amid deep strains in ties between the two nations over a number of issues, including Poland's support for sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine.

Lately Russia has been making moves to try to emerge from its international isolation, and some analysts in Poland believe that the ambassador's words Friday were meant to elicit a reaction from Polish officials that would make Warsaw appear emotional, anti-Russian and overly focused on the past — thus not a voice to take seriously in international discussions about whether to continue sidelining Moscow.

World War II began after Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union sealed a secret pact in 1939 to divide up Poland and other parts of Eastern Europe. Millions of Polish citizens died in the conflict.

Andreev on Friday described Soviet actions under dictator Josef Stalin as an act of self-defence, not aggression.

"Polish policy led to the disaster in September 1939, because during the 1930s Poland repeatedly blocked the formation of a coalition against Hitler's Germany. Poland was therefore partly responsible for the disaster which then took place," Andreev said.

Poland's Foreign Ministry issued a statement of strong protest on Saturday, accusing Andreev of undermining historical truth.

Sergey Andreev. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In his interview on Friday Andreev said Russian-Polish relations are the worst they have been since 1945, blaming Poland for freezing cultural and political ties. On Monday he said he sticks by that.

In other incidents that have caused tensions, the graves of Soviet soldiers in Poland were vandalized and a Polish town dismantled a monument to a Soviet World War II general. Moscow has protested both incidents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hoverboards in patent war

TRANSPORTATION

Canadian entrepreneur not put off by legal battles

A Canadian entrepreneur is stepping into a fierce global patent war as he begins to sell a hands-free "hoverboard" he believes will revolutionize urban transportation.

Darren Pereira's Hüüver company has begun to sell online its brand of self-balancing electric boards called Üüboard. A Toronto dealership is in the works. The colourful units that travel up to about 10 km/h have motors that are propelled by movements detected from sensors near the feet.

"I think it's going to change the way we move," Pereira said in an interview from Toronto.

Two gyroscopes are so sensitive they detect small shifts in balance. Lean forward and the device moves forward. Lean back and it reverses. Move to the right and it turns that way.

The technology — described by some as mini-Segways without the poles — has drawn the ire of the New Hampshire-based company that first introduced its self-balancing personal vehicle in 2001.

Darren Pereira's company Hüüver has begun to sell online its Üüboard brand of self-balancing electric boards. MARTA IWANEK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The subsidiary of China's Ninebot technology last week filed suit in Delaware for patent infringement against Inventist Inc., a Washington state company that sells transportation devices, including Hovertrax and Solowheel.

Ninebot said its second-generation units, launched in 2006, included patented LeanStar technology.

Inventist, however, said it has its own patents for "a two-wheel, self-balancing vehicle with independently movable foot placement sections."

It filed suit against Ninebot in China, and last June against Soibatian Corporation for their product, the IO Hawk. Billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban then partnered with Inventist's founder, adding firepower to the effort to go after alleged copycats.

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Pereira, however, says the legal battles won't deter him from pursuing this business opportunity.

Several Chinese factories pump out thousands of units a day under various names including Oxboard, Cyboard, Future Foot, Monorover, Airboard, Freego, Esway and Overoad.

The Üüboard sells for $949 and comes with a one-year warranty, but rival products are available for between about $600 US and $1,800 US. Hüüver's Chinese supplier, Cube Electronics Tech, said they can be purchased directly for up to $200 US.

The hoverboards can be used on urban bike lanes and sidewalks, but Pereira said he's been asked to put his away at a Blue Jays game and in some shopping malls.

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IN BRIEF

Women on boards varies by industry, size: Survey

A review of more than 700 companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange has found that the number of women on corporate boards and in executive positions varies by industry and company size. For example, about 60 per cent of companies with a market capitalization more than $2 billion reported having at least two female board members. And 59 per cent of the reporting issuers of that size said they had at least two female executive officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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VOLKSWAGEN SCANDAL

Germany probes role ex-CEO played

German prosecutors on Monday opened an investigation against former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn to establish what his role was in the emissions-rigging scandal.

The investigation will concentrate on the suspicion of fraud committed through the sale of vehicles with manipulated emissions data, and aims to determine who was responsible, prosecutors in Braunschweig said in a statement.

In the German system, anyone can file a criminal complaint with prosecutors, who are then obliged to examine it and decide whether there is enough evidence to open a formal investigation. In this case, following the revelations about the rigged tests, prosecutors in Braunschweig received about a dozen complaints, including one from Volkswagen itself, said spokeswoman Julia Meyer.

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TECHNOLOGY

Apple sells 13M new iPhones in three days

Apple says it sold more than 13 million iPhone 6s and 6s Plus phones in the three days since its iPhone launch, topping last year's early sales mark.

Apple sold 10 million iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models during their first weekend last year. This year's results include sales in China which was included in the initial launch for the first time. Apple said previously that preorders were so strong that it expected to surpass last year's record.

PiperJaffray analyst Gene Munster said results came in at the high end of his expectations for sales of 12 million to 13 million. He said China added about two million in sales.

"The iPhone 6 cycle is off to a good start," he wrote.

The new models have more memory and faster processors, along with a new 12 mega-pixel camera, and starts at $649 US.

Apple Inc. says the phones will be available in 40 additional countries beginning Oct. 9 including Italy, Mexico, Russia, Spain and Taiwan and 130 countries by the end of the year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Apple store in Chicago displays the new Apple iPhone 6S. KIICHIRO SATO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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metro VIEWS

Relax, dude: A new Forum poll of 1,557 Canadians found we're becoming more permissive of things we once stigmatized — including marijuana, prostitution and assisted suicide.

EMMA TEITEL: ON HARPER'S IMAGE ABROAD

There's something both morally suspect and frankly unconvincing about this "reputation" business — which asserts that Canada, once a shining example to the world, has fallen from grace.

What do Stephen Harper and Joan Jett have in common besides a burning love for rock and roll?

Neither, apparently, gives a damn about his or her reputation. Jett said so explicitly in her hit song Bad Reputation, released in 1980. And Harper, according to his foes, has quietly and deliberately diminished Canada's international standing as the True North Strong and Friendly since he entered the prime minister's office in 2006.

Thanks to the Conservative government, we often (annoyingly) hear, "Gone are the days when youngsters travelling abroad sewed miniature Canadian flags to their backpacks with pride." (An alternative explanation for this supposedly waning trend? Young people can't sew. Last year, researchers at the University of Missouri found that millennials are severely lacking, compared to their parents, in clothing repair and maintenance skills.)

Backpacker pride aside, though, according to an Angus Reid study released this week, "Canadians are twice as likely to say this country's reputation has worsened over the last decade as improved." And remarkably: "In spite of this view," reports Angus Reid, "they (Canadians) still choose Stephen Harper as the leader best suited to represent Canada on a number of key foreign issues, including terrorism and trade."

In other words, even supporters of Harper seem to be under the impression that the PM has significantly scarred the country's reputation.

We often hear, "Gone are the days when youngsters travelling abroad sewed miniature Canadian flags to their backpacks with pride." An alternative explanation ... Young people can't sew.

Like Joan Jett, Stephen Harper doesn't care one iota about his reputation, just as most of the rest of the world doesn't care about Canada's, writes Emma Teitel. GETTY IMAGES

Were Joan Jett not currently tied up, and were she remotely interested in the job, I wouldn't be surprised if she gave Harper a run for his money in the general election.

So supposedly devastating to our national standing is the PM's hawkish foreign policy, you'd think anyone besides Donald Trump would do a better job at salvaging the country's reputation. That is, assuming Canadian self-perception is accurate — assuming our reputation needs salvaging in the first place.

It's true: Harper has muzzled scientists, shown contempt for journalists, and served unhelpfully — some would say — as an uncritical friend to Israel. He appears to have little love for Canada's indigenous and refugee populations — nor its women, whom he has consistently snubbed in the election cycle.

But has Harper really marred our standing on the world stage in such a major way?

There is something both morally suspect and frankly unconvincing about this increasingly popular "reputation" business — which asserts that Canada, once a shining example to the world, has fallen from grace in a short period of 10 years. That Canada — regardless of its newfound conservative bent and hardline foreign policy — is top of mind to anyone outside its borders.

It seems as though obsessive anti-Harperism has given us a kind of national narcissistic personality disorder, where we assume the entire earth is talking in hushed tones about how much we've changed for the worse. (Harper may be the big bad wolf on Canadian soil, but he is small potatoes outside our borders.)

This sentiment is ridiculous when you consider that we are consistently named one of the most well-liked countries in the world. This summer, according to the CBC reporting on yet another best-nation reputation contest (this one spearheaded by Reputation Institute) "For the fourth time in six years, Canada has come out on top in a survey that tries to determine which country has the best reputation."

Harper may have altered our standing in the minds of activists and diplomats — where landmine clearance, women's contraception and refugee and aboriginal rights are concerned — but he does not have the power to eviscerate it the world over. Ignorance is actually, ironically, our best friend in this regard: The kinds of cheap generalizations we cringe at when travelling in the United States or Europe are a welcome alternative to the truth.

Ask a foreigner what he thinks of when he thinks of Canada, and it is unlikely he will evoke the prime minister with the icy stare steering a nation away from its soul. Instead, he will probably mention cold winters, Justin Bieber, poutine, Drake or any number of friendly stereotypes that inspire the trinkets we balk at in our airport gift shops: maple syrup, beavers, moose slippers. Some clichés, thank God, never die.

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YOUR RIDE

Going car-free? Get creative, and make sure to plan ahead

Jeremy Klaszus

I was hiking in the mountains the day our car died.

My wife was shuttling our daughter from one birthday to another in our trusty Honda Civic when the timing belt went.

My wife didn't tell me about it until I got back to the city. She thought it would ruin my day. In fact, I was elated. It set in motion an experiment I have long contemplated: Raising a family in Calgary without a car. My wife agreed to a three-month trial period.

I've surveyed friends and acquaintances on going car-free before. Some say it's not even worth trying, which of course makes me want to do it more.

Others say not only can ditching your car be done, doing so enriches your quality of life. You find new ways of enjoying the city.

This makes sense to me. As a rule, my wife and I are both happier when we get to work and school by bike or foot instead of driving.

And I've been carless here before. For four years, as a college student, I took the bus or rode my bike — daily — from McKnight Boulevard to Mount Royal University and back. That was my introduction to Calgary.

I enjoyed that commute. I liked the challenge of figuring out how to get around. (This was in the pre-smartphone dark ages, when one had to haul around a small sheaf of Calgary Transit schedules to navigate bus routes.)

But life is different now. And while cancelling my car insurance felt great, I'm ambivalent about being car-free.

My worry isn't about whether or not we can live without owning a car. I'm pretty confident that we can. What I worry about is whether or not we'll save money by doing so.

After almost a decade of car ownership, I'm rusty at this. On Sunday, for example, we went to visit my brother. We live in the inner city and he lives in suburbia.

To get there, my wife and the kids caught a ride with her folks, but we couldn't all fit, so I took car2go.

Because my brother lives out of the car2go home zone (which has just shrunk), I couldn't end my trip at his house. I had to keep the car signed out the entire time. I didn't think it through.

More than three hours and $61 later, I realized that relying heavily on car2go will not be sustainable (even with the new four-door cars). A few more trips like this and our car-free experiment will be short-lived.

We could have rented a car from Enterprise for the entire weekend for cheaper.

While I'm kicking myself, the experience also reminds me of what I like about being car-free: You're forced to think ahead and be creative.

That's enough to keep me trying, at least for now.

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Scientists love The Martian

Matt Damon is an astronaut stranded on Mars in The Martian, which opens this weekend.
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ANALYSIS

Despite flimsy science, film shows planet's challenges

Surviving in space is hard and scientists say The Martian shows precisely what challenges astronauts will face on a pioneering mission to Mars, even though it contains some big inaccuracies right from the get-go.

Case in point — the colossal storm that causes the crew to abandon the movie's main character, botanist Mark Watney played by Matt Damon, would not have packed much of a punch on the Red Planet.

"The fundamental starting premise is completely incorrect," said Mars expert Scott Hubbard, a consulting professor in the department of aeronautics and astronautics at Stanford University.

Due to the thin atmosphere on Mars, wind speeds could only reach about half a hurricane's strength, and "would probably not be sensed by an astronaut — let alone pose the sort of threat seen in the movie."

Still, Hubbard and others say they are fans of the story — both the novel, written by Andy Weir, and the movie, directed by Ridley Scott — because it brings to life the obstacles NASA must overcome as it strives to send humans to Mars by the 2030s.

In the movie, NASA is already there, landing an ethnically diverse crew on the Red Planet, where Damon's character accidentally gets left for dead with about a month's supply of food.

Facing the prospect of waiting four years until a spaceship could get back to him, he is constantly thinking about what could kill him and how to avoid it — that is, when he is not dancing to the disco music left behind by his commander or vowing, "I am going to have to science the s— out of this," in order to survive.

"The thing we like about the movie is it shows how you think one, two, three steps ahead," said NASA astronaut Rex Walheim.

Some scenes from The Martian are based in science that's already happening. When Damon's astronaut grows potatoes on the Red Planet, it's possible astronauts could do such a thing. Scientists on Earth have figured out how to grow plants in harsh environments, as well as split carbon dioxide (CO_2) in order to get oxygen, and to split water (H_2O) to get oxygen.

What is missing is an experiment to test these techniques in a long-term Mars simulation on Earth, by sealing people off in an area with no outside oxygen or water and only their own tools for growing food and recycling waste. That hasn't been done in the United States since the Biosphere 2 project in the 1990s.

There is a year-long NASA-funded Mars simulation under way in Hawaii, but its focus is primarily crew psychology.

Retired NASA astronaut Leroy Chiao said he tried to leave his "technical hat" at the door when he saw the movie.

But there were a couple of scenes that were "implausible and too much," he said.

One involved an astronaut puncturing a glove to devise a thruster. The other came when a crew member crafted a makeshift bomb that blew up just one part of the spaceship.

"There is no way either one would work!" Chiao said.

But space policy expert John Logsdon said he expects the story will inspire young people to keep working on ways to get there. "I think the bottom line of both the book and the movie is yes, it is worth doing," he said.
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UBC using emojis to teach consent

SEX ED

Survey: 67% of Canadians don't fully grasp concept

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Two years after students made national headlines for singing a chant advocating rape during frosh week at the University of B.C., the school has launched a campaign using emojis to help educate students about sexual consent.

Posters have gone up across campus and pins are being handed out to students featuring six emoji faces and symbols that aim to explain how to tell if someone has given consent to sexual activity.

While the campaign aims to educate all students, Janet Mee, director of access and diversity, said it especially targets first-year students who are most vulnerable to being sexually assaulted at the start of the school year.

According to Canada's Department of Justice 2003 report on dating violence, on-campus sexual assaults usually occur within the first eight weeks of school.

"These are students that are likely away from home for the first time," Mee told Metro. "They're exploring their freedom, and they often don't understand the concept of consent."

A May 2015 survey commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation found that 67 per cent of Canadians don't have a full understanding of the definition of sexual consent — despite the finding that 96 per cent of those surveyed agreed sexual activity between partners should be consensual.

Many Canadians may be familiar with the No Means No slogan, coined by the Canadian Federation of Students more than two decades ago and printed on informational posters on university campuses across the country to raise awareness and to reduce the occurrence of sexual assault, acquaintance rape and dating violence.

But Mee said education about sexual consent has "moved beyond No Means No."

"Only an enthusiastic yes means I'm giving consent," she said. "The grey period where people get confused is around the maybes."

> **It's catchy and recognizable for this age group.**
> Janet Mee

If someone is silent, hesitant, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, unconscious, or being coerced or coaxed, consent does not exist, said Mee. Under Canadian law, both verbal and behavioural consent is required for consensual sexual activity. Consent must also be ongoing and can be withdrawn at any time.

Mee said the emoji campaign helps to explain sexual consent in a way that transcends cultural and language barriers, is gender inclusive and internationally recognizable.

While some might think emoji are too lighthearted or silly for a campaign that addresses a serious issue, Mee argued that the images help make the topic of sexual assault more approachable.

"When you approach it with all of its complexities, many people won't engage in the conversation," she said. "Emojis are something that students are familiar with. It's catchy and recognizable for this age group."

The campaign is part of the university's four-pillar education plan that aims to help address and prevent sexual assaults on campus.

In 2013, a string of six sexual assaults occurred on campus that the RCMP believes to be committed by one individual. The high-profile assaults are still under investigation.

While the university is committed to addressing the issue, Mee said the emoji campaign is not related to the 2013 sexual assaults. "Stranger sexual assaults are very unusual," she said.

"The majority of sexual assaults, particularly on a university campus, are acquaintance sexual assaults, so somebody you know and it could even be somebody you know very well."

She said the number of sexual assaults reported to the university is surprisingly low.

Last year, five incidents of on-campus sexual assault were reported, three of which were reported to have occurred in student residences.

Mee said she hopes that initiatives like the emoji campaign will help students "feel like the university cares," and encourage more to come forward and report sexual assault.

If that happens, she said the number of reported sexual assaults at UBC will likely increase.

"Until we get really good at it," she said, "and then hopefully it will go down."

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INFANT NUTRITION

Model picks bottle, draws ire

Deciding whether to nurse or bottle-feed babies may be a personal matter, but the backlash faced by Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha for her choice reveals how divisive opinions can be about how infants are fed.

Rocha spoke out on social media against the "unwanted advice" she's heard about her decision to feed formula to her infant daughter.

"Not that this is anyone's business — I loved breastfeeding Ioni for the first five months of her life and then one day my milk went dry. It happens to every mom at different times," the Toronto-born, Richmond, B.C.-raised Rocha wrote in an Instagram post alongside a photo of Ioni bottle-feeding.

Model Coco Rocha with her daughter. GETTY IMAGES

> **No one knows what another mother has been through.**
> Cindy Leclerc, nurse

Breastfeeding is recommended exclusively for an infant's first six months, and can be continued for up to two years or longer with supplementary feeding, according to a joint position statement by Health Canada and other national organizations.

The Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants recommendations also recognized that infants many not be able to nurse exclusively. Parents "who have made a fully informed choice not to breastfeed" should be counselled on using breast milk substitutes.

Parenting blogger Jennifer Pinarski said she's spoken with other women who, like Rocha, found their milk supply "wasn't sustainable."

"The assumption is that if you are formula-feeding that there is something wrong with your body. That's already a personal attack on a woman," said the mother of two, who lives outside of Kingston, Ont. "But in terms of formula being a choice as well ... there shouldn't be anything wrong with that."

Registered nurse and lactation consultant Cindy Leclerc said one of the most common reasons women discontinue breastfeeding is the belief they don't have sufficient milk for their little one.

"A lot of the time, women actually do have enough, but their breasts may not feel as full or the baby might be fussy for other reasons. And women are quick to doubt themselves," Leclerc said from Saskatoon. Early skin-to-skin contact between mother and infant helps both with milk production and when babies are struggling to latch to the breast, Leclerc said. Using a hospital-grade pump to stimulate milk supply as well as hand expression can also be key, she noted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MATERNITY LEAVE

A pregnancy is extra stressful when work is precarious

Kaitlyn Kochany
For Metro Canada

The day we found out I was pregnant, my husband went to work, and I went back to bed. I didn't sleep: I lay awake under the covers and wondered if we could afford to have this kid.

Just about every newly pregnant person has some variation of this thought: How am I going to afford this? For me, this question was doubly pressing.

Would I lose my job if I took time off? Could I work in the evenings, while my husband looks after the baby? We would have to buy diapers and clothes, furniture and toys, strollers and books — and that was just the baby's first year. Then there would be daycare, school trips, extracurricular lessons, college...

I'm self-employed. I contract out 20 hours each week as an administrative assistant. The rest of the time, I'm a freelance writer. I spend anywhere from 10 to 20 hours each week pitching stories, organizing interviews, and trying to hammer out my columns.

My work week stretches over all seven days, and I answer emails any time between six in the morning and midnight. Since I'm just launching my writing career, my take-home pay runs somewhere between $1,500 a month and $2,500, depending on if I've had a great writing month or a lacklustre one.

I'm part of the 52 per cent of GTA residents in part-time, contract, or temporary roles. I do my own payroll, set my own schedule, and "my office" is also known as "our living room."

My day-to-day freedom has been a blessing during this pregnancy. I can schedule midwife appointments around interviews, and take naps in the afternoon when fatigue gets the better of me. But that same freedom leaves me feeling unmoored. I left my last full-time job in March of this year, and was pregnant by May.

Canada requires self-employed people to pay into their employment insurance fund for a full year before they can claim any benefits, something that doesn't help those of us who are only pregnant for nine months. When the baby arrives in January, I will not be entitled to any paid maternity or parental leave.

My husband, who works full-time, will take some parental leave during the first few months. I plan to return to my full workload between two and six weeks after I deliver. I can work flexibly, and work from home, but I will still be working.

This isn't a path I wanted. But choosing not to work for any reason (including an illness, new baby, or to care for a sick relative) means my income disappears. My husband's salary — either the full amount, or the 55 per cent of his gross pay that he would collect during parental leave — won't cover our rent, grocery bills, and the added expenses of a brand-new family member. So, from now until the baby's birth, we'll save as much money as we can. When we exhaust that, he'll go back to work full-time, and I'll do the same, albeit with a newborn at my side.

It's possible that this baby will be cute enough that he or she can be put to work right away as a child model, or we'll have a YouTube video of the kid laughing that lands us on daytime TV. But more likely, my husband and I will trade child-care duties and do our best to be together as a family when we can find the time. We'll rely on each other, and our friends and family, to keep the tumultuous early few months as even-keel as possible. And we'll celebrate!

Having a baby is exciting, something we have wanted for years. But that celebration won't be too lavish. After all, we'll be on a tight budget.

HEALTH

Pregnant? Freelancer? Things to consider:

Do I want maternity benefits? Once a self-employed person claims EI benefits, they're required to keep paying into the fund in perpetuity. Some women, especially those who are just starting out, may end up paying more into the fund long term than they'll receive during leave.

What do I need? Negotiate service and schedule changes based on your changing role with your clients ahead of time. For example, a C-section may have a longer recovery period and require more time off.

Who are my networks? There are thousands of self-employed parents making it work. Don't be afraid to ask for guidance and feedback from people with experience.

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"I would never complain about too short of a summer (after) winning a championship": NBA MVP Steph Curry is ready for training camp

Too clutch for Camden

MLB

Division crown tantalizingly close after latest Jays rally

MONDAY In Baltimore

BLUE JAYS	ORIOLES
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As they charge toward their first AL East title in 22 years, the Toronto Blue Jays are finding new and interesting ways to win.

A team that has hit 223 home runs used a 60-foot dribbler to beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 Monday night.

Toronto's fifth straight victory, coupled with the Yankees' loss to Boston, reduced the Blue Jays' magic number for securing the division crown to two.

The Jays also moved into sole possession of first place in the American League with the Kansas City Royals' loss to the Cubs in Chicago. The team with the AL's best record is gets home-field advantage through the playoffs.

After scoring twice in the eighth to pull even, the Blue Jays got the decisive run against Brad Brach (5-3) in the ninth. Dioner Navarro led off with a single and was replaced by pinch-runner Dalton Pompey, who advanced on a single. After a sacrifice moved the runners up, Pompey scored when Justin Smoak hit a slow roller to first and Chris Davis threw wildly to the plate.

"I hit it off my thumbs," Smoak said. "Looking for a changeup, got a heater. That can happen."

The Blue Jays did get a home run — from Edwin Encarnacion — but that wasn't much of a factor in the Blue Jays' 35th comeback victory of the year.

"We can win any way possible," Smoak said. "This team is unbelievable. Guys fight to the end."

Brett Cecil (5-5) pitched one inning and Roberto Osuna got two outs for this 20th save.

Ryan Flaherty hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, who have lost four straight. Toronto starter Marco Estrada, Cecil and Osuna retired the last 17 Baltimore batters in order.

Estrada gave up three runs and four hits in 7-1/3 innings. After allowing Flaherty's home run in the second, Estrada retired 18 of the next 19 batters. The only Baltimore baserunner during that span was Wieters, who singled with one out in the fourth.

Down 3-1, the Blue Jays rallied in the eighth against Chris Tillman and All-Star reliever Darren O'Day. Ryan Goins led off with a single and advanced on a groundout before O'Day entered and gave up RBI singles to Ben Revere and Jose Bautista.

"Tip my hat to my guys," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "They hung around and made a run at it late."

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Roberto Osuna and Russell Martin perform their customary victory handshake after the Jays' latest comeback win on Monday night at Baltimore's Camden Yards. MITCHELL LAYTON/GETTY IMAGES

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Pillar like a superstar

Blue Jays outfielder Kevin Pillar was named American League player of the week Monday after batting .524 with two homers and six RBIs over six games last week.

Pillar was 11 for 21 at the plate with four runs scored, five doubles and five stolen bases. He also made several strong defensive plays in centre field. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GETTY IMAGES

Troy Tulowitzki has been out injured since Sept. 12. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

INJURY UPDATE

Tulo riding a high after taking some swings

Troy Tulowitzki could be back in the Blue Jays' lineup within a few days after he took batting practice on Monday for the first time since his injury.

"I feel great," he said after taking about 30 swings in the indoor cages after the Jays' on-field batting practice was interrupted by rain. "Hopefully my name is in the lineup sooner rather than later."

The all-star shortstop, who was acquired from Colorado a few days before the trade deadline, has been out since Sept. 12 when he suffered a cracked shoulder blade and bruised back muscles in a collision with centre fielder Kevin Pillar on a shallow fly ball.

Tulowitzki has already been doing daily infield practice and running the bases. Hitting was his last and most important test.

"I was excited about today," he said. "Came to the ballpark real early, itching a little bit to get going — and it was a good day."

> **"As long as I can play in the post-season I couldn't care less about anything else."**
> Troy Tulowitzki

Manager John Gibbons said he was hoping Tulowitzki could return to the lineup at some point in the four-game series against the Orioles. Tulowitzki agreed that is a possibility, but was reluctant to commit.

"I think I am getting close," he said. "I have been cautious because I hadn't took those swings yet, but that was the last step and taking BP and coming out of it fine tells me that I'm definitely getting real close."

Barring a setback, Tulowitzki said he will "definitely" be ready for the post-season. He will take early batting practice again Tuesday, hoping to avoid any weather-related disruption. "I'd like to hit on the field instead of the cage."

He thinks he'll be ready for game action this week.

"Obviously I'd like to, but if something happens where I can't and my first game is in the playoffs, I'm not worried. But the way things are going I don't anticipate that." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Red Sox do Toronto a solid

Eduardo Rodriguez became the first Red Sox rookie left-hander to win 10 games in 43 years, and Boston slowed the New York Yankees' march toward a post-season berth with a 5-1 victory Monday night.

The Yankees had a chance to clinch their first playoff appearance since 2012 with a win — what would've been their 10,000th franchise victory — and losses by Minnesota, Texas and the Angels.

But scoreboard watching was rendered unnecessary when Travis Shaw and Jackie Bradley Jr. each hit two-run homers off Ivan Nova (6-10). New York managed little offence after Alex Rodriguez's sacrifice fly in the first ended Boston pitchers' 29-inning scoreless stretch. New York dropped five games behind Toronto in the AL East with six to play.

The Yankees' fourth loss in 10 games came in front of 39,476 fans, the smallest crowd for a matchup in the Bronx between these rivals since May 27, 1999, according to STATS.

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Denorfia gives Chicago walk-off win over Royals

Chris Denorfia hit a pinch-hit home run leading off the bottom of the 11th inning to give the Chicago Cubs a 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Denorfia hit the first pitch from reliever Miguel Almonte (0-2) into the left-field bleacher for the Cubs' major league-leading 13th walk-off victory of the season. It was Denorfia's third homer of the season.

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Chris Denorfia gets an ice shower after Monday's walk-off homer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Stampeders defensive line takes a hit

Calgary Stampeders linebacker Juwan Simpson has been sidelined four to six weeks with a broken clavicle.

The CFL club made the announcement Monday via Twitter.

Simpson has started at middle linebacker for the Stampeders every game since the 2012 season-opener.

The three-time West Division all-star and Stampeder co-captain has 27 tackles and a pair of sacks in 12 games this season. Simpson has been a Stampeder for eight seasons and won Grey Cups with the team in 2008 and 2014.

Juwan Simpson is out with a broken clavicle. GETTY IMAGES

Calgary added defensive backs Brandon McDonald and Keith Lewis to the roster and placed cornerback Joe Burnett on the six-game injured list Monday.

Burnett suffered an ankle injury on a punt return during Friday's 25-23 win over the Blue Bombers in Winnipeg. He was filling in for injured Tim Brown on return duties.

McDonald was added to the active roster, while Lewis was placed on Calgary's practice roster.

McDonald had 33 tackles, two interceptions and three knockdowns in eight games this season for the Ottawa Redblacks before his release Aug. 26. He appeared in a pair of games with the Stampeders in 2014 and totalled three tackles.

The 30-year-old also played a combined 80 games in the NFL for Cleveland, Arizona, Detroit and Tampa Bay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadiens goalie Carey Price chats with his replacement Zachary Fucale last Tuesday in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs hope to end cup drought

NHL

Canadiens top oddsmakers list (18-1), Leafs are 100-1 shot

With individual accolades all around him at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas, Carey Price's mind was still on the Stanley Cup that had eluded him and his teammates.

"I'd trade all four of these in for that one," the star Montreal Canadiens goaltender said. "We have a lot of very good parts in Montreal and a very good hockey team. We're gaining experience and I'm very, very happy and very excited about our future."

> **"I'd trade all four of these for that one.**
> Carey Price on winning the Stanley Cup instead of individual awards

Price is the biggest reason to be excited about the Canadiens' present and future. The reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy-winner is only one player, but his presence makes Montreal the most likely team to end Canada's Cup drought that currently sits at 21 seasons.

Oddsmakers give eight NHL teams better odds than the Habs (18-1), but they have the most realistic shot of any Canadian-based team. The Calgary Flames and Winnipeg Jets are 28-1, the Edmonton Oilers 33-1, Ottawa Senators 40-1, Vancouver Canucks 66-1 and Toronto Maple Leafs 100-1, according to the online sportsbook Bodog.ca.

If the Habs are going to lift the Cup for the first time since 1993, they'll need to do more to support a goaltender who is playing at the level of two-time Conn Smythe Trophy-winner Patrick Roy. Price led the league with 44 wins, a 1.96 goals-against average and .933 save percentage, but skaters have to score more and be better, too.

"We're fortunate to have him, and obviously as players we want to help him out a little bit more than we did last year," centre Tomas Plekanec said. "A big part was Pricey, which is one thing that obviously we want to get better at and play better in front of him."

The Habs will have defenceman Jeff Petry for an entire season and should be better by having him on the second pairing behind one of hockey's most dynamic players in P.K. Subban. They also have a captain for the first time since Brian Gionta left in the summer of 2014, giving left-winger Max Pacioretty the honour. Talented forward Alex Galchenyuk moves to centre in the hopes of sparking his career.

For all the minor changes in Montreal, Price is the constant. And what a constant to have.

"My expectations for him are no different from what they've been since I started playing on this team and that's to remain and be one of the best goaltenders in the world," Subban said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE One Skillet Tomato Basil Chicken Pasta

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Make dinner, not a mess with this delicious hearty one-pot meal.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps extra virgin olive oil
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 28-ounce can of tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups penne pasta
- 1 cup freshly shaved Parmesan cheese, more for garnish
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves

Directions

1. Generously season your chicken breast with kosher salt and pepper. Cut chicken breast into 1-inch pieces.

2. Add olive oil to a large skillet over medium heat. Place the chicken in the pan and brown on all sides. Lower the heat, add garlic and cook for 1 minute.

3. Add the tomatoes, chicken broth, water and uncooked pasta to the pan. Bring this mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover the pan and cook for about 15 minutes. Remove cover and cook for another 5 minutes, or until liquid is reduced by half.

4. Remove your skillet from the heat and gently stir in the Parmesan cheese. Serve individual portions with a sprinkling of fresh basil leaves and a bit more Parmesan cheese.

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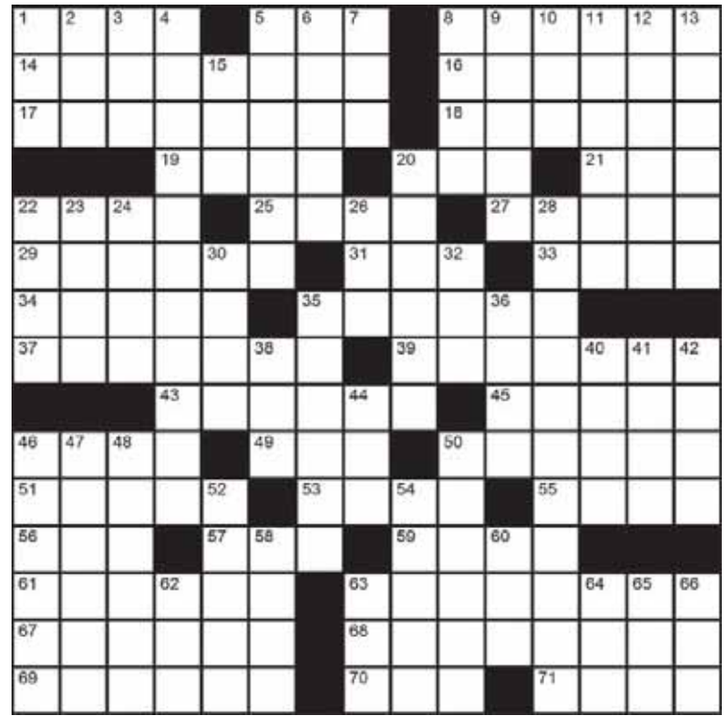

ACROSS

1. One-of-some in the vase's water
5. Male swan
8. Wife of Bobby Ewing on "Dallas"
14. Georges Bizet's famous aria sung by Carmen
16. Joyful
17. Rihanna tune on a cloudy day
18. Overseas
19. Stringed instrument of Japan
20. __ season (Ailment time)
21. Possessor's contraction
22. Commotions
25. "Long Day's Journey __ Night" (1962)
27. Distance runner on the track
29. 1986 horror flick inspired by the 1816 evening when Mary Shelley spawned the idea for Frankenstein
31. Sing wordlessly
33. People, in Paris
34. Chapel area
35. Spoken
37. Flips over the store's 'Closed' sign once again
39. Clawed, as a bird of prey
43. Biblical book/prophet
45. French word on a can of Campbell's
46. Incision's remnant
49. 1979 Wings album: 'Back to the __'
50. Plug insertion site
51. Hot chocolate
53. Cape Canaveral org.
55. Haws partners
56. Piece of food
57. Occurred
59. "Travelin' __" by Dolly Parton
61. 1951 mainframe computer
63. Huffy human-on-a-highway happening: 2 wds.
67. Backslide
68. Complaints from loud noises
69. War horses
70. Kingston Trio lettered tune
71. Door fastener

DOWN

1. Moo __ pork (Take-out dish)
2. __-o'-shanter
3. Dwindle
4. Recently-hired President and CEO for the Toronto Blue Jays: 2 wds.
5. Boston basketball player
6. Synthetic fibre
7. Sheared-one's sound
8. Ring loudly
9. Rock band's output
10. Scratch
11. Sparkler in le ciel
12. Do dough-raising
13. Puff __ (Viper varieties)
15. Keanu role
20. Quadrant
22. Culture medium
23. Bananas brand
24. Mr. Preminger
26. __ Beatles
28. Nickname of Inuvik landmark Our Lady of Victory: 2 wds.
30. Wraths
32. Entrepreneur's deg.
35. Peaceful hand creations
36. Likewise
38. Balmoral veto
40. Zap
41. Blade in sports
42. Investigators [abbr.]
44. Palindromic honorific
46. Thoroughly searches or examines
47. Trumpet-like instrument
48. Dynamic
50. World's biggest desert
52. Juno, for one
54. Short-tailed weasel
58. Behaves
60. Dietary letters
62. "Take Good Care of My Baby" by Bobby __
63. B.a.n.d. from Athens, Georgia
64. "Hunting High and Low" band
65. Some stoves
66. In particular, briefly

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are stuck in a rut and need to find ways to make life more rewarding and exciting. Changes to your working routine can play a big role, so make that a priority.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This could be and should be one of the most rewarding periods of the year for you but to make the most of it you need to be more active and adventurous. Take a few chances.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Jupiter in the domestic sector of your chart is good for family relationships, so make it your priority to heal rifts with loved ones and relatives. Don't wait for them to make the first move — make it yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something is not right and you must act on what your instincts tell you. No matter how appealing an offer may sound you must not get involved. Be blunt if you have to: don't worry about hurting others' feelings.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Just because certain ways worked well in the past does not mean they will work well in the future. Look for unusual solutions to everyday problems.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't hide yourself away. With Mars and Jupiter moving through your birth sign, you get what you want. You don't have to be subtle about it either — take charge.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You should be making serious progress towards your goals. If you're not then you need to ask yourself if maybe some of your methods need improving. Don't let retrograde Mercury undermine your confidence.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let partners and colleagues know that you are ready to join the team. Too often you have been half-hearted about joint projects. Now be frighteningly enthusiastic.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Others are sure to look up to you and follow your lead. Which might do wonders for your ego but do you actually know where you want to be going and why?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are not as set in your ways as some people believe. Take the doubters by surprise. You will make a big impression on employers and other important people.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are about to be made an offer you won't want to refuse but your suspicions could easily get the better of you. If so you are likely to regret it before the end of the year. Be bold.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Put your doubts and suspicions about a certain individual to the side and give them a chance to prove themselves. Almost certainly you have been too harsh in your judgment.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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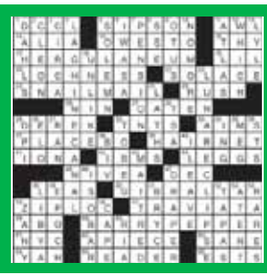

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